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In re Patent No. 7,076,437	:	
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Application No. 09/698,787	:	
Filed: October 27, 2000	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed October 14, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent expired on July 11, 2010 for failure to pay the three and one-half year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mailing date of this decision.

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